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Editorial Notes

We learn with sincere regret, of the destruction by fire on Friday, Sept. 10, of Westminster Hall, Fulton, Mo. A great and terrible loss that will bring pain to many hearts.

Dr. Kerr announces that ample arrangements have been made to care for all the work of the college and that there will be no delay in the opening—nor inconvenience to any students.

Our warmest sympathies are extended to Dr. T. R. English, of Union Theological Seminary, and his family, on account of the recent death at Lenoir, N. C., of his son, T. R. English, Jr. Mr. English was about twenty-six years of age, a young man of attractive personality and Christian character. He died at the home of his sister, and others of the family were with him in his illness. The body was taken to Richmond and buried in Hollywood Cemetery. "Them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him."

Mr. E. H. Harriman was reputed as being worth a hundred million dollars. Last week he died! Was his death hastened by his zeal for making money? Is there not in life that which is worth far more than money?

Most men long for wealth, and pray for it. But wealth is not the greatest of blessings. If any man is competent to testify as to its value, Andrew Carnegie surely is. Listen to his testimony, given in his own words: "I was born in poverty, and would

not exchange its sacred memories with the richest millionaire's son who ever breathed. What does he know about mother or father? These are mere names to him. Give me the life of the boy whose mother is nurse, seamstress, washerwoman, cook, teacher, angel and saint all in one, and whose father is guide, exemplar and friend. No servants to come between. These are the boys who are born to the best fortune. Some men think that poverty is a dreadful burden and that wealth leads to happiness. What do they know about it? They know only one side; they imagine the other. I have lived both, and I know there is very little in wealth that can add to human happiness beyond the small comforts of life. Millionaires who laugh are rare. My experience is that wealth is apt to take the smiles away."

It is gratifying to read the testimony to the Christian faith, of so able and prominent a man as Hon. John Goode, the Virginia statesman, who recently died at an advanced age. He is quoted as using these words: "I will fight it out on the old lines—the Bible as my mother taught me, and Christ as the Rock of Ages." When men think seriously and intelligently about their relation to God and the unseen world and eternity they will humble themselves and find genuine comfort alone in the light of the unfailing Bible and completed redemption through the Infinite Saviour of helpless souls.

The tenth annual convention of the Gideons, the organization of Christian commercial traveling men, met in the city of St. Louis, Mo., July 22-25. In ten years this association has grown to a membership of eight thousand, outspoken Christian men, who confess Christ wherever they go, and endeavor to reach their traveling brethren in every part of the land. Like the ancient Gideon's band, few in number comparatively, they have spiritual power, and are doing a good work. They undertake to place a Bible in every guest-room of every hotel, and have so placed about ten thousand Bibles. They are thoroughly sound in the faith. At this convention, by a unanimous vote, a belief in the Deity of Jesus Christ was placed in the constitution as a test of eligibility for membership. Each member wears on the lapel of the coat a little button with blue background, the white pitcher and the flaming torch, proclaiming to the world that back of this button is a Christian man.